GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE) : (a) and (b) No specific criterion is fixed for people above the poverty line. However, the concept of living people below the poverty line is based on minimum level of calorie intake out of food items along with minimum of non-food items such as, clothing, shelter, transport, etc. The calorie norm for the poor is fixed as an average of 2400 kcals per capita per day in rural areas and 2100 kcals per capita per day in urban areas. No specific quantities are set for non-food items, including clothing and shelter. The minimum requirements of the individuals embedded in the poverty line are continuously updated for changes in price.

Acceptance of Methodology of Estimation of Poverty

4243. SHRI GANDHI AZAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expert Group Methodology of estimation of poverty has been accepted by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE) : (a) and (b) The Exprt Group (on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor) was constituted by the Planning Commission in September, 1989. The Expert Group submitted its report to the Planning Commission in July, 1993. In March, 1997 a full Planning Commission meeting under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister accepted its recommendations with minor modifications. The responsibility of deciding about the methodology for estimation of poverty rests with the Planning Commission and not with the State Governments.

Share of SSI in Terms of GDP

†4244. DR. D. MASTHAN :
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

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(a) the contribution in terms of production made by SSI in the GDP of the country during financial years 1997-2000;

(b) whether it is a fact that exports were also made from this production; and

(c) if so, the value of exports made during each of the said years and the percentage of this export out of country's total exports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) The contributions of SSI in the GDP of the country were 6.92% and 6.71% in the years 1997-98 and 1998-99 respectively. The information on the share of SSI in the GDP for the year 1999-2000 is not yet available in the absence of comparable data on GDP in the manufacturing sector.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Exports made from the SSI sector were Rs. 44,442 crore and Rs. 48979 crore for the years 1997-98 and 1998-99 respectively (as per the latest available data). The share of SSI exports in total exports was about 35.19% and 34.59% in the years 1997-98 and 1998-99 respectively.

New Industrial Units in SSI Sector

†4245. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH :

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that setting-up of new industrial units in SSI sector of the country has increased during last few years;

(b) if so, the number of industrial units functioning in SSI sector during 1997, 1998 and 1999; and

(c) the amount given to this sector in the form of loan by Government's financial institutions during each of the said years and its percentage of the amount given for priority sector ?

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